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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Wadsworth Street Scape in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Wadsworth and the project is located at OH Broad, College, Main, and High Streets Wadsworth, Ohio 44281.

The funding is designated to modify the city of Wadsworth's pre-existing STIP-listed project to support additional phases related to the downtown Wadsworth streetscape project. The funding would allow the city to realign an offset intersection which would reduce the number of thru lanes to one in each direction, and a shared left turn lane to simplify vehicle movement. The project would relocate the public space that currently resides in the middle of four lanes of traffic to create a new, larger public greenspace. Lastly, the project creates additional pedestrian space through bump-outs in the curb, increasing pedestrian visibility and shortening the distance needed to cross the street.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists throughout the city. The project will improve the health and safety of residents by encouraging residents to bike or walk, especially through the connection to the Main Street multipurpose trail, benefiting health and decreasing automobile emissions. The improved visibility of pedestrians hinders the likelihood of a pedestrian-automobile collision. The city of Wadsworth aims to create a safer, more inviting, and economically viable downtown for its residents, visitors, and businesses through these funded improvements.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Anthony Gonzalez Member of Congress

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